

## CLAIMS

I claim:

- 5        1. A deflective protective guard designed to fit the contours of a golf club head and wrap only the top line area of the club head, thereby to protect the area so covered as well as the top of a golf club head because of the deflective qualities from damage.
- 10       2. The protective guard of claim 1 wherein said protective guard is transparent.
3. The protective guard of claim 1 wherein said protective guard is designed and composed of a material to be nearly invisible when applied.
- 15       4. The protective guard of claim 1 wherein said protective guard is made of a vinyl material that provides an abrasion resistant and deflective quality.
5. The protective guard of claim 4 wherein said vinyl material preferably has a thickness in the range of 4 to 5 mil.
- 20       6. The protective guard of claim 1 wherein said protective guard is adapted to be adjusted in size to fit all sizes of golf club heads while continuing to fit onto said club head contours.
7. The protective guard of claim 1 further comprising V-shaped notches adapted to prevent bunching and potential lifting of said protective guard when applied to the head of a golf club.
- 25       8. The protective guard of claim 1 further comprising a cutaway contour designed to fit around the hosel of the club and conform to the shape of a golf club head.
9. The protective guard of claim 1 further comprising:
  - 30            an adhesive layer having an opposite, non-adhesive side; and
  - a backing layer fixedly attached to said non-adhesive side of said adhesive layer.
10. The protective guard of claim 9 wherein said adhesive material is of a nature that is durable and allows easy removal with little or no residue.

11. A method of protecting a golf club head from abrasion from one size that can be easily miss-hits in the course of being used, comprising the following steps:

5 a) provide a protective guard of a design that can be cut down to fit a golf club head of any size, while still fitting the contours of said golf club head;

b) measure said protective guard against club head to determine proper size 0.5 cm (3/16 in.) short of the toe of said club head;

10 c) align said protective guard with a cutout that has been laid at the base of the club hosel, with said V-shaped notches aligned with the top of the face of said club head to ensure maximum protection;

15 d) remove the first half of a backing layer on said protective guard to expose an adhesive layer disposed under said backing, and lay the protective guard against the top line of said club head only, starting at the club hosel, thereby allowing adjustment of said protective guard without needing to touch said adhesive side;

20 e) attach said protective guard to the first half of said top of said club head, preferably using the thumb to press said protective guard onto said top of said club head, working from the center to said cutout so as to work out any potential air bubbles;

25 f) remove remaining backing and repeat the previous step, working from the center to said toe of said club head to attach the remaining portion of said protective guard to said top of said club head; and

30 g) using the same technique as noted in steps a – f, work from said top line to the lower edge of said club head and press the remaining portion of said protective guard to said face of said club head.